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Boston bombing suspect pleads not guilty

BOSTON (AFP) - Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the teenager accused of carrying out the Boston bombings, on Wednesday pleaded not guilty to all charges in US federal court, nearly three months after the deadly April attacks.

"Not guilty," the 19-year-old Tsarnaev -- in handcuffs, shackles and wearing an orange jumpsuit -- said repeatedly as the 30 counts were read out at the arraignment in Boston, which lasted seven minutes.

Seventeen of those counts are punishable by the death penalty or life imprisonment.

Security was tight at the courthouse for the hearing, which marked the first time Tsarnaev -- an ethnic Chechen Muslim and naturalized US citizen -- had been seen in public since his capture.

The shaggy-haired teen, who was seriously wounded as he tried to evade capture in the days after the attacks, still

sported a cast on his left arm.

"I just want to know why," said Liz Norden, whose two sons aged 32 and 33 each lost a leg in the attacks.

"I just don't understand how you can live in this country and feel that way."

The attacks, which left three people dead and more than 260 wounded, stunned America with scenes of carnage and chaos at one of the country's premier sporting events.

The pressure cooker devices were packed with metal fragments to cause maximum damage, and several people lost one or more limbs.

Tsarnaev, who had lived in the Boston area for a decade, had seemed well integrated into American life.

He is accused of plotting and carrying out the attacks with his 26-year-old brother Tamerlan, who died in a shootout with police as the pair tried to escape the Boston area several days later.

Yanis Garcia of THE MORNING NEWS interviewed by visiting Florida media



Yanis Garcia with from left, Sergio Gomez, Angelina Buchkley, Julio Camacho, Snadra Vilarasau

The Aruba Tourism Authority welcomed a group of journalists from Florida over the last few days, who have a very particular interest in Aruba. This "fact-finding mission" consisting of Sandra Ramon Vilarasau, Editor in Chief, Public Relations for El Venezolano newspaper, and from Actualidad Radio, 1020 and 1060 AM out of Miami, Julio

patriate Venezuelan community in many Florida cities. They issue five weekly papers that are distributed for free in various Florida counties, with news that also pertains to each locale, and Houston, Texas.

The journalists confirmed their principal interest in Aruba is exploring the island for their Vene-zuelan/Ameri-

members still living in Venezuela, but they have great concerns about the state of the safety of the country, at present. They would prefer to travel to a place and spend time with their family where they can thoroughly enjoy themselves, in a safe, carefree environment." The fact that daily direct service to Aruba from various Florida cities,



El Venezolano

Cesar Camacho and Sergio Gomez, are expatriate Venezuelans, and their media particularly targets the tens of thousands of their compatriots now living in the U.S. Most of these families of Venezuelan origin can be found in Miami, with a large community in Orlando and Houston, Texas. The media group has been touring the island with ATA Sales Manager for the South East U.S., Angelina Buckley.

El Venezolano was established in 1992, bringing news of the home country and localized information to the ex-

can community as an ideal place to travel for family reunions with their loved ones still living in Venezuela. To this end, it was suggested they interview Yanis Garcia, Executive Sales Rep of THE MORNING NEWS, born in Venezuela, but a resident of Aruba since he was five-years-old.

"The majority of the Venezuelans living in Florida have prospered, many quite affluent, with ample disposable incomes they wish to spend on vacations," explained Ms. Vilarasau. "They wish to visit with their family

via several airlines is increasing, is also very attractive. After only a two-hour flight, families can relax and fully enjoy their family get-togethers.

"Much has changed in Venezuela in the past ten years or so," confirmed Sergio Gomez, "traveling around Venezuela is not as appealing a prospect as it used to be."

CIA Factbook figures reveal Caracas is one of the most violent cities in the world, with the 6th highest murder rate.

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UNITED KINGDOM, Windsor : King Willem-Alexander and his wife Queen Maxima (r) of the Netherlands pose with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on July 10, 2013 at Windsor Castle. This is the first time Queen Elizabeth has met the newly inaugurated couple since they became the King and Queen.

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A permanent solution for street addicts is on the way



Min. Sievinger

According to Minister of Infrastructure, Benny Sievinger, the government has full attention for the problem of street addicts, especially in the center of town. They have understanding for the businesses, residents in the neighboring zone and the whole community, and soon this problem will be solved permanently.

The government have installed a work group under the leadership of Mr. Van der Straten (former Head of the Police Department) to address this problem. The work

group has presented a plan of action that will solve the problem in a structural manner. The street addicts are currently congregated around the Rancho and Main-street areas.

One important aspect regarding these addicts is the legal aspect. The matter of custody is important. According to reports there are 50 dossiers at the Public Prosecutor ready to be presented in Court so that these persons can be officially put into ward of the state. These persons are the most problematic ones roaming the streets. As soon as the legal issue is finalized we will see a change in the situation.

The Minister is convinced that soon this problem will be resolved. He emphasized that the community must also be involved in order to bring about a durable solution. With this he means that the people in the barrios need to adopt and protect public areas as if they were their own property.

Making good use of public areas will prevent addicts from trafficking in those areas, which is a proven strategy in many places.

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Mr. Rafael R. Carta and Mrs. Tanja M. Carta



Mr. Keith D. Alter

Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a few Loyal and friendly visitors of

Aruba, as Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from home.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest who visits Aruba for between 10 and 20 years consecutive.

Mr. Rafael R. Carta and Mrs. Tanja M. Carta residents of Valencia Carabobo were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors for visiting the island for 23 years.

The Carta's are members of La Quinta Beach Resort and have been enjoying the Island every year.

Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at La Quinta Beach Resort.

Among the honorees was Mr. Keith D. Alter.

Mr Keith D. Alter is a member of Casa Del Mar Beach Resort and Aruba Beach Club and have been visiting the Island yearly.

Ms. Darline S. de Cuba and Mrs. Monique Silvanía conducted the ceremony at Casa Del Mar Beach Resort.

The honorees' main reasons for returning to Aruba are: they consider Aruba to be the Happy Island, with its great weather, white sandy beaches and the local food and friendly people.

Weather Update for Aruba

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A very special show at Cas di Cultura announced "Hoe duur was de Suiker" - "How Expensive was the Sugar?"



Organizers Joan Hart, John Leerdam, Alice van Romondt, Vicki Arends and Jonathan Vieira



Izaline Calister

The Cas di Cultura was proud to announce they will be

hosting a star-studded cast in the musical adaptation for the stage of the famous debut novel of Suriname Author Cynthia McLeod, "Hoe duur was de Suiker," or "How Expensive was the Sugar?" at the Cas Di Cultura, August 1, 2 and 3.

Her book was published by Vaco in 1987 in Paramaribo, Suriname, after extensive research in Holland. The first print was sold out within a few weeks and Cynthia McLeod became the most famous Surinamese novelist overnight. Later this historical novel about slavery and the sugar cane industry in the 18th century was published under license by her Dutch publisher Con-

serve. She followed up her successful first novel with other historical sagas.

McLeod was born in Paramaribo as Cynthia Ferrier. She is the daughter of Johan Ferrier, the first President of Suriname. She met her husband Dr. Donald McLeod, while attending university in the Netherlands. They returned to Suriname, where she was a teacher and he was eventually appointed as Suriname's Ambassador to Venezuela in 1978. He eventually became the Ambassador to Belgium and the U.S.

The program is being brought to Aruba by the Stichting Julius Leefft, (SJLI) dedicated to promulgating culture in Holland and the Dutch Caribbean. Founder of Julius Leefft and dramatist John Leerdam was joined by Alice van Romondt of the Ministry of Culture, Cas di Cultura Director Jonathan Vieira and his associate, Joan Hart, and Vicky Arens Tjon-A-Tjoe of the Fundacion Desaroyo Educativo Aruba, or FDEC. The FDEC will be offer workshops for all ages in the arts, conducted by the visiting cast of show. Among the cast members if one of the most popular singing stars of the Dutch Caribbean, Izaline Calister of Curacao.

Classes to be offered related to the show include a workshop and mini-show titled "What is Your History?" which will last for five days beginning Wednesday July 24, ending Saturday, July 27, from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. The mini-show resulting from the workshop will be presented at the Cas di Cultura on Monday, July 29.

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Yanis just returned from visiting childhood friends in his home town of Barquisimeto, capital of the Venezuelan State of Lara. The city is a few hours drive from Caracas. During his time there, his hosts were most insistent that he not walk through the town of 1,881,595 inhabitants unaccompanied, despite his fluent Spanish. They told him that his accent had changed, and that people would pick up on his not being from the area, which could prove quite hazardous. He reports that over the weekend of his stay there were 76 killings in the town.

A fact Yanis could confirm for the visiting reporters was that Aruba is a place visitors could enjoy in complete safety. He also confirmed that

growing up on Aruba, where he was adopted at a very young age by TMN Office Manager Ingrid Does, he always felt welcome, and easily accepted by the other schoolchildren. "It was a relief to return to Aruba after this last visit, my hosts were so paranoid about me even performing the simplest errand to walk to a shop on the next block. If I wished for something, they insisted on going and getting it for me."

Aruba has always been a very popular vacation destination for affluent Venezuelans, and also has a large expatriate community living on the island. Venezuelan travelers account for the largest percentage of visitors from Latin America.

By Rosalie Klein

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More bodies, more beauties, more bikinis... Introduction of Aruba In Style 2013 at Hi-Winds Aruba and Aruba International Film Festival



The Aruba In Style Organization (AIS) recently kicked off the Aruba In Style 2013 campaign both locally and internationally by presenting exciting fashion shows during two of Aruba's biggest annual events. These were the Aruba Hi-Winds and the Aruba International Film festival 2013 (AIFF) taking place over the last weekend.

Friday, July 5, during the Awards ceremony of the AIFF at the Divi Links, Aruba In Style had the opportunity to present a modeling show with

KOMA models. They offered an exciting preview of the beach and resort wear collection of the famous international brand Agua Bendita. Visiting celebrities such as Maria Conchita Alonso, Venezuelan actresses Hilda Abrahamsz, Emma Rabbe and CNN's Ismael Cala were all present at the award ceremony.

Agua Bendita is a fashion line favored by many high-profile beauties, and has been featured in international fashion magazines. Agua Bendita is from Colombian designers Catalina Alvarez and Mariana Hinestroza.

Last year, the designers were invited to participate at the Aruba In Style 2012 and were fascinated with our island to such a degree, they opened a boutique at Renaissance Mall Aruba.

On Saturday, July 6, as the sun set, the AIS team was present at the Hi-Winds where they presented another fashion show by Agua Bendita, on our beautiful beach during the sunset and accompanied by the band of Sergio Jansen, Kuiperi



and Bremer and Uniq Records.

All events of Aruba In Style 2013 will be held al fresco, with parties accompanied by Live DJ's. Their main target is Latin American market.

AIS 2013 strives to position the organization and Aruba as the leader in fashion, entertainment and THE shopping destination in the Caribbean.

A very special show at Cas di Cultura announced

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and they will accept only six students for this class, teaching how to properly light while recording a theatrical production, handle the sound and edit afterwards for the most impact.

A Dance Master class will be conducted on August 3 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM by Faazah Grootens and Ayaovi Kokousse, titled "Caribbean Contemporary." Cost of the class is 25 Aruban florins and only 20 students will be accepted.

The final class offered is also on August 3; an acting class with Vastert van Aardenne, Paulette Smit and John Leerdam. This is for intermediate to advanced students ages 14 to 18 years. It will last from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The cost is 25 Aruban florins and a minimum of six students is required; the max allowed will be 16.

It is the practice of the SJL! to combine quality theater with educational opportunities in cultural pursuits whenever bringing their productions to the Dutch Caribbean. Interested parties should inquire at the offices of the Cas di Cultura to purchase tickets and sign up for classes. Tickets for the performances are 50 Aruban florins can also be purchased at Van Dorp and Plaza Bookstores. The final performance on Friday, August 3, will be immediately followed by the famous cast members performing in concert on the Cas di Cultura stage.

By Rosalie Klein

This is for young people from 15 to 23 years of age, and they will accept a maximum of 25 participants, who will be asked to tell their story in song, poetry, dance or acting. There will also be places for those who wish to work behind the curtain, so students will learn all aspects of theatrical productions. The workshop costs only 25 Aruban florins, (\$14) and includes lunch daily and a ticket to the August 2 presentation of "How expensive is the Sugar?" and entrance to a debate on slavery that will take place on June 29 at the University of Aruba.

Another workshop given by volunteers of the SJL! will conduct a 2 and on half hour workshop the afternoon of July 25 with Djoere de Jong, Ka Yan Tang and Ingrid Lochem. They will accept a maximum of ten students.

A third workshop is dedicated to technical aspects of performing and video. This will be on July 25 and the day of the mini-show, July 29. The coach is Omar Brown



Obama revives broccoli-Gate

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Michelle Obama's healthy eating campaign is clearly hitting close to home.

President Barack Obama on Tuesday sung the praises of broccoli, snubbing the cheeseburgers, hot dogs, pork chops and pumpkin pies he has munched to show common man credentials on the campaign trail.

The slim line Obama was asked by a guest at a "Kids State Dinner" event at the White House to name his favorite food, and nominated the pride of the cabbage family, which reportedly boasts more nutrients than any other vegetable.

The president with his wife close by, stayed faithful to the First Lady's "Let's Move" campaign, which is designed to cut childhood obesity and tout the benefits of a healthy lifelong diet and exercise.

Obama also reopened a long bubbling Washington debate, about the benefits, or otherwise, of broccoli.

Former president George H.W. Bush hated broccoli so much that he reportedly banned it from Air Force One, wielding the power of the presidency in a blow to healthy vegetable fans everywhere.

"I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it," Bush said in 1990.

"I'm President of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli."

Obama's comments quickly sparked a political debate on Twitter. The president's campaign guru David Plouffe predicted the president's Republican foes would now come out swinging against the vegetable.

"All (Republican) 2016ers will now have to pledge to never eat broccoli again," he tweeted.

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At UNOCA - an island foundation whose main goal is to stimulate the cultural development of Aruba - there is a wide variety of books for



youngsters of all ages, in Dutch and Papiamentu. The books are beautifully illustrated and parents can use them to generate quality family time while telling stories

to their children. There are history books, story books, books of rhymes and poetry, adventure, fairy and folk tales and more.

UNOCA invites all gift

hunters to pass by their offices to find that special gift at bargain price, that gives the gift of opening young minds and stimulating imagination.

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Caya Hubert Booi (ex Stadionweg) number 21 in Oranjestad and at the Scol di Arte (Art school) in San Nicolas.

Visitor can take also advantage of this opportunity to admire a portrait expo of the project 'Expedition Rescate' at their Oranjestad headquarters. There are also informative booklets about the work UNOCA is doing for Aruba's culture.

Obama invites Vietnam president for rare trip

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama has invited his Vietnamese counterpart to visit the United States this month, sources said Wednesday, looking to boost cooperation on security and trade despite concerns over the communist state's rights record.

President Truong Tan Sang's visit would be only the second by a Vietnamese head of state to Washington since the former war adversaries normalized relations and comes as both governments see growing common inter-

ests.

Two people familiar with the trip plans, who were not allowed to be quoted by name, told AFP that Obama has invited Sang to the White House during the last week of July.

The White House and Vietnamese embassy declined immediate comment.

Vietnam has been eager to expand military cooperation with the United States as Southeast Asian nations accuse a rising China of increasingly aggressive tactics to exert territorial disputes.

Egypt orders Brotherhood chief held, Morsi in 'safe place'

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt issued a warrant on Wednesday for the arrest of the Muslim Brotherhood's supreme leader Mohammed Badie in connection with deadly violence in Cairo, stoking Islamist anger over the army's ouster of president Mohamed Morsi.

Badie and other senior Brotherhood leaders are wanted on suspicion of inciting Monday's deadly violence outside the Republican Guard headquarters where Morsi

supporters were demanding his reinstatement, judicial sources said.

Morsi is currently being held in a "safe place, for his safety," foreign ministry spokesman Badr Abdelatty told reporters, adding: "He is not charged with anything up till now," he said.

The Islamist president's overthrow by the military last week, after nationwide protests demanding his resignation, has plunged Egypt into a vortex of violence.

Philippines, Venezuela carriers allowed back into EU skies

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union on Wednesday allowed carriers Philippines Airlines and Venezuela's Conviasa back into European airspace on the grounds of improved safety and compliance with EU regulations.

The EU executive, the European Commission, removed the two from a blacklist -- the EU air safety list -- after slapping an operational ban on the Filipino flag-carrier in 2010 and on Conviasa in 2012.

The decision to lift the bans was an element of the EU's updated list which now leaves 280 airlines from 20 states still barred from flying in the EU.

Brain-damaged Dutch Prince Friso transferred home



Royal guards stand before the Huis ten Bosch (Palace) where the Prince will reside

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch Prince Friso, brain-damaged after being buried by an ava-

lanche in Austria last year, has been transferred from a London hospital to receive treatment at his mother's residence in the Netherlands, the royal palace said this week.

In a statement, it said the prince still displays "minimal conscience" and that his condition "remains worrying", but that it is no longer necessary to keep him at the Wellington Hospital in London.

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Mandela responding to treatment but still critical

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Nelson Mandela is responding to treatment but still in a critical condition, South African President Jacob Zuma said

Wednesday after visiting the global peace icon in hospital. Zuma's comments came

after one of Mandela's nephews told AFP that the former president was conscious.

"We are encouraged that Madiba is responding to treatment," said Zuma, referring to the anti-apartheid hero by his clan name.

Zuma added the 94-year-old remains in "critical but stable" condition after more than one month of intensive hospital treatment.

He urged the public to continue "showing him with love which gives him and the family strength".

Haiti on alert as storm Chantal approaches

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Haiti on Wednesday issued a red alert in advance of the arrival of Tropical Storm Chantal, which was due to lash the impoverished Caribbean island later on Wednesday.

At 1500 GMT, Chantal was 145 miles (235 kilometers) south of Port au Prince, the Miami, Florida-based National Hurricane Center said.

The storm was expected to hit the island of Hispaniola -- shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic -- before moving between eastern Cuba and Jamaica later Wednesday, and to the Florida Straits on Thursday, the NHC said.

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International News

Pope Francis named Vanity Fair Italy's 'man of the year'



ROME (AFP) - Vanity Fair in Italy on Wednesday named Pope Francis its "man of the year", saying the pontiff's first 100 days at the Vatican had already made him one of the world's top leaders.

Splashing on its front page a picture of the 76-year-old in his simple white robes, the magazine said his words and actions were "heavier than boulders."

"The first 100 days of his pontificate have already propelled him to the top of the list of world leaders who are making history," said Vanity Fair Italy, adding: "The revolution continues."

The magazine also published interviews with five celebrities, including British pop star Elton John and Italian singer Andrea Bocelli, who paid homage to the Argentinean pope.

John said Francis was "a miracle of humility in an age of vanity."

"I hope he manages to get his message even further, to the most marginalised in society, to those communities which ... desperately need his love. I am thinking for example of homosexuals," added the openly gay pop icon.

For his part, Bocelli said: "Pope Francis is truly a gift from God to his Church which has been tortured and crushed by the forces of evil."

Two Koreas agree on talks on family reunions

SEOUL (AFP) - North and South Korea agreed in principle Wednesday to hold talks on restarting a family reunion programme, as separate discussions on reopening a jointly-run industrial estate failed to make progress.

The North also proposed official talks on resuming suspended cross-border tours, in a message sent through the border truce village of Panmunjom, the South's unification ministry said.

The ministry said Pyongyang wanted to hold talks about the tours on July 17, and proposed a Red Cross meeting on family reunions on July 19, with the two sides meeting either at its Mount Kumgang re-

sort or at the Kaesong industrial estate.

A meeting Wednesday about reopening Kaesong failed to reach agreement but the two sides agreed to meet again next Monday.

After months of high military tensions, the North in recent weeks has been pushing for dialogue.

The unification ministry said the South agreed in principle to open talks on reuniting families separated since the 1950-53 war but wanted them held at Panmunjom.

It said the talks on cross-border tours to Mount Kumgang should be postponed, because the two sides are al-

ready discussing reopening Kaesong.

Hundreds of thousands of family members have been separated since the war and the last temporary reunions took place in 2010.

The North's Mount Kumgang resort, developed by the South's Hyundai Asan company, opened in 1998 as a symbol of reconciliation and once earned the North tens of millions of dollars a year.

But Seoul suspended tours by its citizens after a North Korean soldier shot dead a South Korean housewife there in July 2008. In response the North scrapped a deal with Hyundai Asan and seized its properties there.

Saudi to expel foreigners disrespecting Ramadan

RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi Arabia threatened to expel non-Muslim expatriates who eat, drink, or smoke in public during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Ramadan began in the kingdom on Wednesday.

Foreigners caught breaking the fast in public "will be subject to deterrent measures that include terminating their employment contracts and expelling them from the kingdom," the ministry said.

It added that "companies, corporations and individuals are required to inform their employees" of the rules.

Oil-rich Saudi Arabia, which applies a strict version of sharia (Islamic) law, is home to eight million foreigners, mostly Asians.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to dusk and strive to be more pious and charitable.

The month begins with the sighting of the new moon,

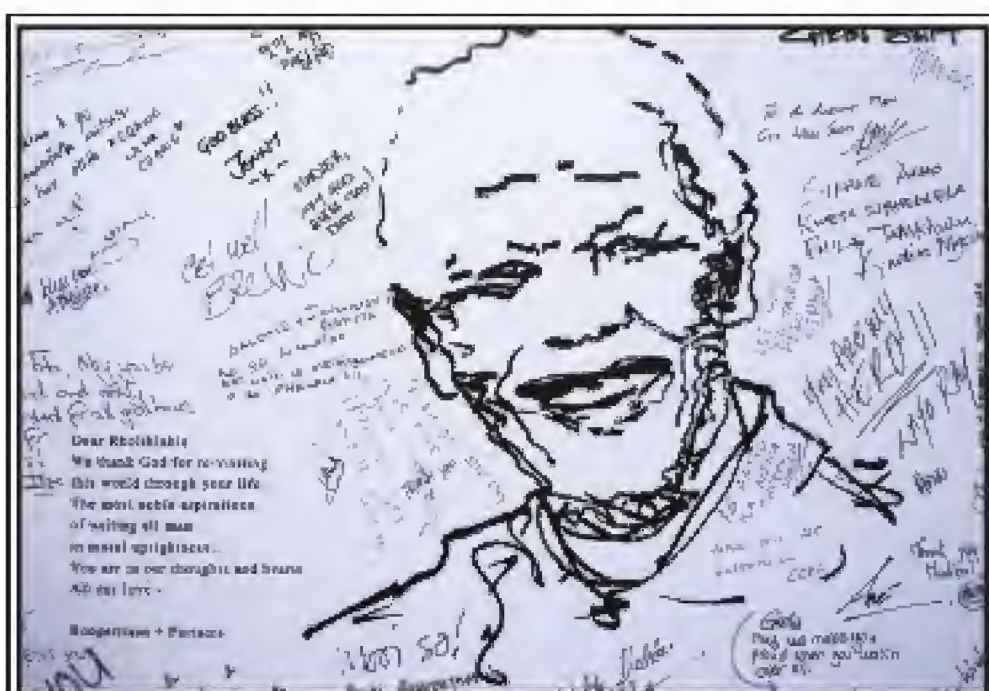


which varies from country to country.

During Ramadan, Muslims are also required to abstain from drinking liquids, smoking and having sex from dawn until dusk. The fast is one of the five main religious obligations under Islam.

The month is sacred to Muslims because tradition says it is the month in which the Koran was revealed by Allah to the

Prophet Mohammed.



PRETORIA (AFP) - A picture taken yesterday shows well-wishing messages written on a portrait of former South African President Nelson Mandela on a wall outside the Medi Clinic Heart Hospital in Pretoria, where the anti-apartheid hero is still hospitalized in a critical but stable condition after his June 8 admittance for an obstinate pulmonary infection.



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China Red Cross in cash for organs allegations: media

BEIJING (AFP) - The Chinese Red Cross demands money from hospitals to help arrange organ donations, media reported.

The fee charged by the state-run body varied by location and went mostly to pay donors' medical costs, a Red Cross Society of China official told the Beijing News.

It cited a hospital employee in the southern city of Guangzhou as saying the average donation for obtaining an organ was 100,000 yuan (\$16,000).

Ethical considerations are a key issue in many transplant programmes around the world, and under Chinese law it is illegal to trade in organs or to receive money for donations.

Demand for transplants in the country is high, with a vast and ageing population. But

supply is low because many Chinese believe they will be reincarnated after death and so feel the need to keep a complete body.

Only one in 30 patients registered for an organ transplant receives one each year, the Global Times said, citing the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

The shortfall opens the way to forced donations and illegal sales, while China still collects organs from executed prisoners, although it has repeatedly said it will stop doing so.

A new system in 2010 aimed to make transplants fairer and more open, but a year later it was used in only a third of operations, the China Daily reported last month.

Chinese Red Cross officials were not immediately available to comment to AFP.

Super diaper for monitoring baby's Health???

-- According to the company, Pixie Scientific, a "smart" diaper could be within the reach for all parents. The company states that this diaper can detect urinary tract infections, kidney dysfunction and dehydration. Not only does the diaper tell parents about the health status of their infants, an app can also be downloaded to help them with this process of diagnosing conditions. According to The New York Times that reported on this new invention, the "smart" diaper works by inserting a patch in the front of the diaper. The patch was made with four small squares, each with a different color. The colors will react and change when they come into contact with specific proteins, water, or bacteria. When colors change in a specific way, parents would be informed of a potential abnormal reaction. The app works by taking a photograph of the colors on the patch, which the app will read and give the parents a precise reading. Once the app is used, the information will be stored and kept, similarly to a medical history chart. Even though this diaper sounds like a miracle, it sure does not come cheap. Yaroslav Faybishenko, the founder of Pixie Scientific, stated that this product would probably cost around 30 percent more than the average diaper.

Health & Living

Healthwise, US falls behind other wealthy nations

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States spends more per capita on health care than any place in the world but lags behind other wealthy nations in health and life expectancy, according to research published.

Japan still leads the world in terms of living the longest, with average life expectancy at 82.6 years in 2010, up from 79.1 years in 1990.

Americans are living longer too -- an average of 78.2 years compared to 75.2 two decades ago -- but were outpaced by other developed nations as the US ranking for life expectancy slid from 20th to 27th in the world.

Americans are also living with more health problems, ranging from chronic back pain to depression, said the study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Disease and disability account for nearly half the health burden in the United States, and poor diet, smoking, high

blood pressure and physical inactivity are leading risk factors, it said.

The United States spends twice as much as France on its average health care per person -- nearly \$8,000 per capita in 2009, for 17.4 percent of US GDP -- according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

But France ranks much higher than the United States for life expectancy -- ninth in the world with an average age for both sexes combined of 80.9.

"The country has done a good job of preventing premature deaths from stroke, but when it comes to lung cancer, preterm birth complications, and a range of other causes, the country isn't keeping pace with high-income countries in Europe, Asia, and elsewhere," said Christopher Murray, director of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) and one of the lead authors on the study.

A separate study by IHME, an independent research organization at the University of Washington, in the journal Population Health Metrics, found that Americans are exercising more than they did at the start of the century but obesity is still rising.

"As physical activity increased between 2001 and 2009, so did the percentage of the population considered obese," the group said in a statement.

Among US men, obesity prevalence was 26.1 percent in 2001 and 32.8 percent in 2009, a rise of 6.7 percentage points.

For US women, obesity prevalence was 28.7 percent in 2001 and 35.1 percent in 2009, a change of 6.4 percentage points.

"It's quite disappointing that the US is falling behind in outcomes for diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, and especially those diseases with preventable causes,"

Smoking bans, tax could save 9 million Indians: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Banning smoking in the workplace and levying a tobacco tax could prevent more than nine million deaths from cardiovascular disease in India over the next decade, according to a US study.

In India, smoking is blamed for the deaths of one in five men, and one in three people report being exposed to smoking in the workplace. Deaths from cardiovascular disease linked to tobacco use there are projected to climb 12 percent over the next decade.

The study compared five different tobacco control measures: smoke-free legislation, tobacco taxation, provision of brief cessation advice by health care providers, mass media campaigns, and advertising bans.

Strokes and heart attacks are on the rise in low- and middle-income countries due in part to tobacco. In India, consumption takes several forms: smoking cigarettes, smoking small, hand-rolled cigarettes called bidis, chewing tobacco and second-hand smoke.



DUBLIN (AFP) - : Protesters hold a anti-abortion placards in front of the gates of the Irish Parliament building in Dublin on Wednesday during a demonstration ahead of a vote to introduce abortion in limited cases where the mother's life is at risk. The bill follows a 2010 European Court of Human Rights ruling that found Ireland failed to implement properly the constitutional right to abortion where a woman's life is at risk.



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'Scent' test can detect bladder cancer: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - British researchers said Monday they have devised a test that can detect bladder cancer from certain odors in the urine.

The technique was inspired by reports about how dogs may be able to sniff out certain cancers, said researchers from the University of Liverpool and University of the West of England.

If wider studies can confirm the test's effectiveness, the technique could offer a new way to test early for a cancer that is often costly to detect and treat.

"It is thought that dogs can smell cancer, but this is obviously not a practical way for hospitals to diagnose the disease," said Norman Ratcliffe, from the Institute of Biosensor Technology at UWE Bristol.

"Taking this principle, how-

ever, we have developed a device that can give us a profile of the odor in urine. It reads the gases that chemicals in the urine can give off when the sample is heated."

About 72,000 new cases of bladder cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States, and about 10,000 new cases are seen annually in Britain. Smoking is considered the leading risk factor.

"It is a disease that, if caught early, can be treated effectively, but unfortunately we do not have any early screening methods other than diagnosis through urine tests at the stage when it starts to become a problem," said Chris Probert, a professor at the University of Liverpool's Institute of Translational Medicine.

The new device, called ODORREADER, contains a

sensor that responds to chemicals in gas emitted from urine, said the study in the US scientific journal PLoS ONE.

It analyzes the gas and reports on the chemicals contained in urine, which scientists can then read on a computer screen in order to diagnose cancer of the bladder.

"We looked at 98 samples of urine to develop the device, and tested it on 24 patient samples known to have cancer and 74 samples that have urological symptoms, but no cancer," said Probert.

"The device correctly assigned 100 percent of cancer patients."

The next step is to expand trials to a wider sample of patients to determine whether it is effective or not for hospital use, the study said.



Apple found guilty in e-book conspiracy case



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A US judge ruled Wednesday that Apple violated antitrust law in a price-fixing case, saying the company "conspired to restrain trade" with publishers to boost the price of e-books.

In a sweeping ruling, US District Judge Denise Cote, who presided over a bench trial in New York, said in her opinion that "Apple is liable here for facilitating and encouraging the (publishers') collective, illegal restraint of trade."

She ordered a new hearing to determine damages.

Cote rejected all the arguments from Apple, which claimed its entry into the e-book market promoted competition. The judge also determined that comments from late chief executive Steve Jobs proved the government's allegations of a conspiracy.

The trial focused on a six-week period in late 2009 and early 2010 during which Apple negotiated contracts with publishers ahead of its iPad launch and proposed a new and more profitable business model.

Publishers at the time were

unhappy with Amazon's practice of charging \$9.99 for best-sellers but were unable to effect change until Apple helped organize the group, Cote said.

Each of the five publishers originally named in the US government's civil lawsuit settled the case, leaving Apple to stand trial alone.

Apple's chief executive Tim Cook had said ahead of the trial that the California firm would not settle, claiming it had done nothing wrong but was merely pursuing normal business practices.

Apple said it would appeal the ruling.

The Justice Department meanwhile hailed the ruling.

Amazon held "wholesale" contracts with publishers in which it set prices. Apple's contracts shifted to an "agency" model where publishers set the price in exchange for a 30 percent commission to Apple.

As Apple was finalizing the new model with publishers, several publishers successfully pressured Amazon to accept the agency model and higher prices, threatening to withhold books from Amazon unless it made the shift.

Much of the testimony during trial centered on whether Apple had orchestrated the industry's efforts to get out of the Amazon model.

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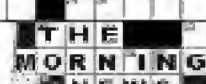
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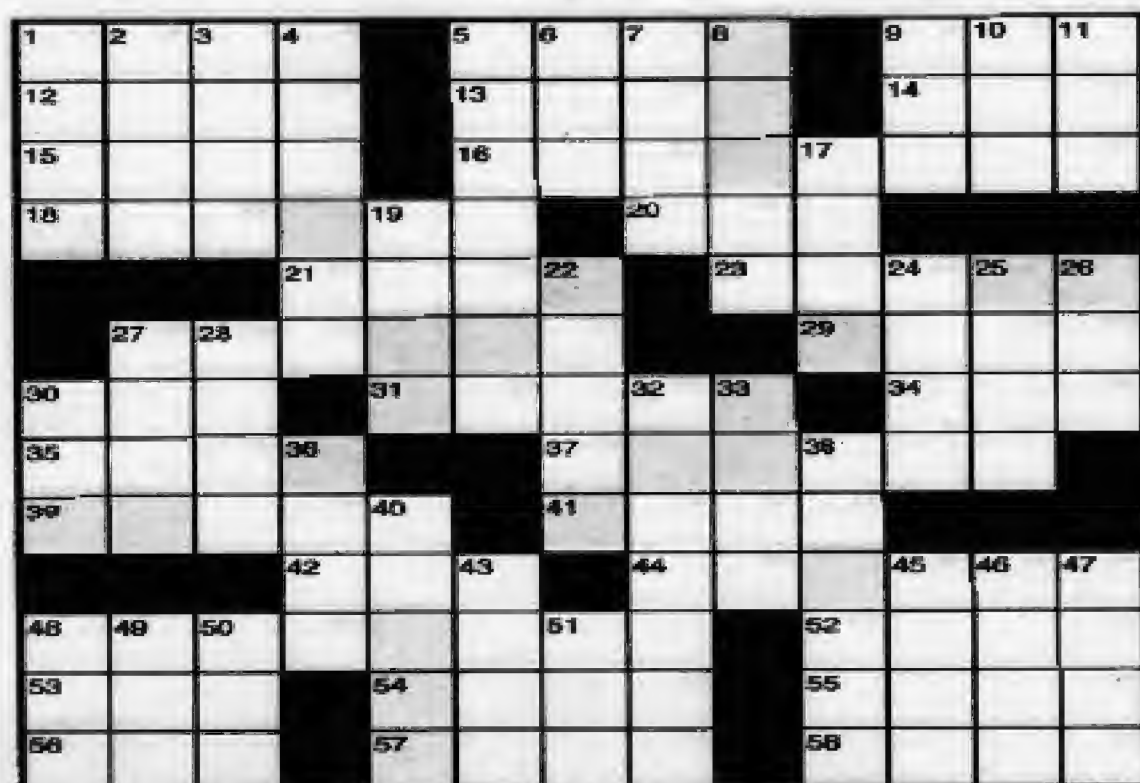
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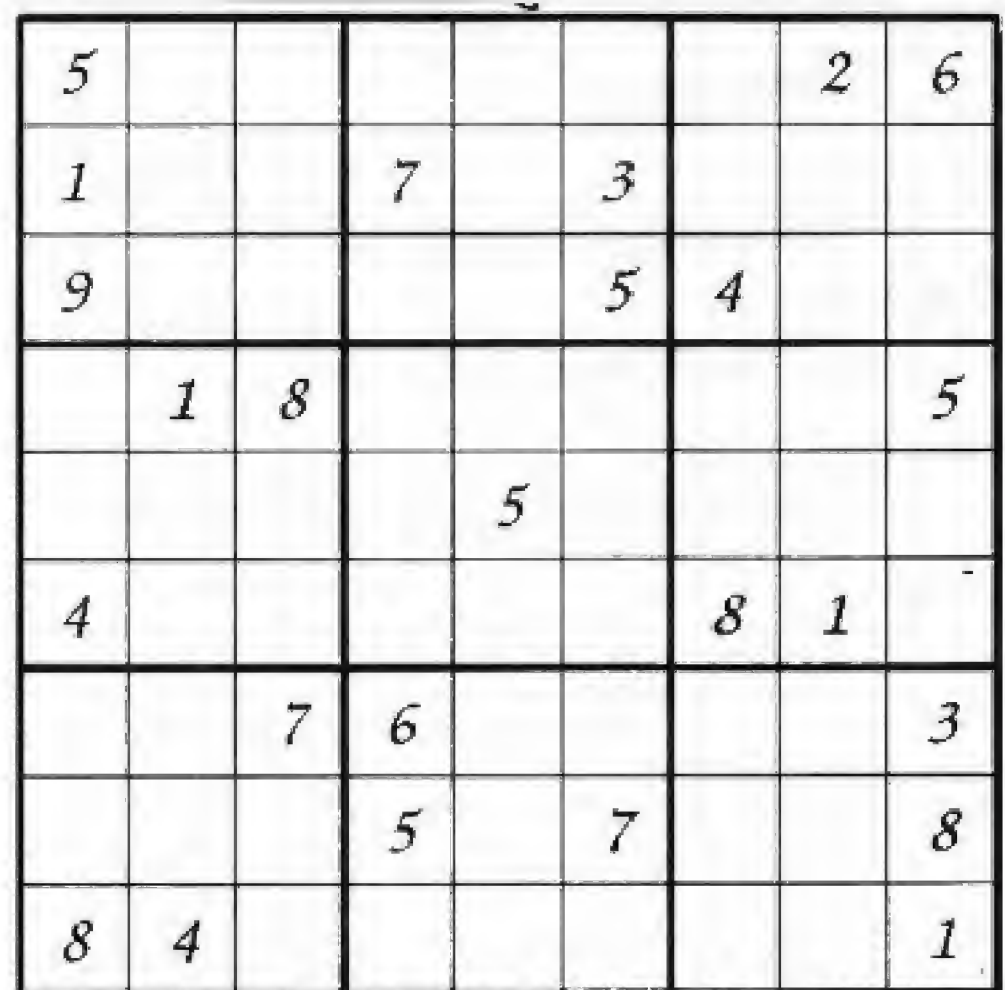
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Italian shoemakers struggle to step up exports :
ROME (AFP) - Italian shoemakers are struggling because of a decline in the domestic market and the difficulties faced by small firms in reaching lucrative export markets, an industry report showed. Exports are crucial as sales in the home-market have kept diminishing since the beginning of the economic crisis in 2008. In 2012, they went down by 4.5 percent.

US retailers set safety plan for Bangladesh factories:
WASHINGTON (AFP) - Seventeen leading US and Canadian clothing retailers announced on Wednesday a program to enforce safer conditions for workers in Bangladesh garment plants, after the collapse of a factory building killed more than 1,100. The retailers, led by Walmart and Gap, called the safety record of Bangladesh factories "unacceptable" and said that all parties involved in the country's huge garment export industry needed to be accountable, including factory owners and the government as well as buyers.



HAVANA (AFP)-Cuban Teresa Linares shows her "libreta", a ration card which since 1963 has allowed Cubans to buy basic food supplies at cheap -- and heavily subsidized -- prices, in Havana, on July 10, 2013. The ration book, with 50 years of existence in Cuba, was an economic solution for many families in the island, but at present the products offered are barely enough for the survival of many Cubans with low wages. The government has put into practice a process for their gradual elimination.

FINANCE

Oil hits new 14-month peak as US crude stocks slump

LONDON (AFP) - Global oil prices hit another 14-month pinnacle on Wednesday on the back of tumbling US crude stockpiles that indicated keen demand in the world's biggest consumer, analysts said.

In afternoon deals, New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate for delivery in August, spiked to \$105.99 per barrel -- a level last seen in early May 2012. It later stood at \$105.49, up \$1.96 from Tuesday's closing level.

Brent North Sea crude for August rallied to \$108.69 a barrel -- reaching a high last seen in April 2013 -- before pulling back to \$108.11, up 30 cents from Tuesday.

The US government's Energy Information Administration (EIA) revealed that American oil stockpiles tumbled by 9.9 million barrels in the week to July 5.

That signalled a major pickup in energy demand and was more than triple market expectations for a 2.9-million-barrel drop, according to analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires.

New York's light sweet crude had already scaled 14-month highs Tuesday on expectations of tighter US oil stocks and Egypt-linked supply fears.

Concerns over disruption in Middle East supply caused by Egyptian turmoil have meanwhile eased after a timetable for fresh polls was announced Tuesday following last week's military coup.

Separately on Wednesday, oil exporting cartel OPEC predicted that world crude demand will pick up at a faster rate in 2014, but also warned of the potential impact of economic troubles in Europe, the US and China.

In 2014, oil demand will average 90.68 million barrels per day (mbd), up from a revised 2013 estimate of 89.64 mbd "partially on the back of an improvement in global economic growth," OPEC said in its monthly report.

This would represent the biggest increase in demand since 2010, the Vienna-based Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) added.

Once again, developing countries -- especially their transportation and industrial sectors -- will lead the push while demand in the OECD club of advanced economies will contract, OPEC said.

A slower than expected recovery in the crisis-hit eurozone, the United States and China, could however dampen oil demand growth, it warned.

Other risks included the introduction of further energy-efficiency policies in some transportation sectors, oil subsidy cuts in Indonesia and the projected restart of Japan's nuclear power plants.

For 2013, OPEC -- which pumps about 35 percent of the world's oil supply -- barely revised its demand forecast from 89.65 mbd in June.

The 12-member cartel noted stronger-than-expected demand in North America in the first quarter as well as positive developments in Germany's industrial sector, although growth forecasts for China and the Middle East were lowered.

India firms seen 'severely' hit by rupee slide: agency

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indian firms will be "severely" hit by the rupee's plunge to record lows due to their hefty foreign debts, the nation's top credit ratings agency Crisil Research warned Wednesday.

The rupee has been the worst performing Asian currency this financial year on worries about a rollback in US monetary stimulus that has spurred investor flows to emerging markets, and a sharply slowing domestic economy.

Indian companies will be "severely impacted by the rupee's depreciation against the dollar

given the large foreign currency debt on the books and only partial hedging", Crisil said.

Even exporters are unlikely to benefit much as customers "may seek to renegotiate contracts" in a fiercely competitive global market, said Crisil, whose majority shareholder is global agency Standard and Poor's.

S&P has a negative outlook on India's investment credit rating which is only one notch above "junk".

The rupee struggled higher Wednesday to end the day at 59.65 to the dollar, helped by steps by authorities to curb speculative trading after it hit a

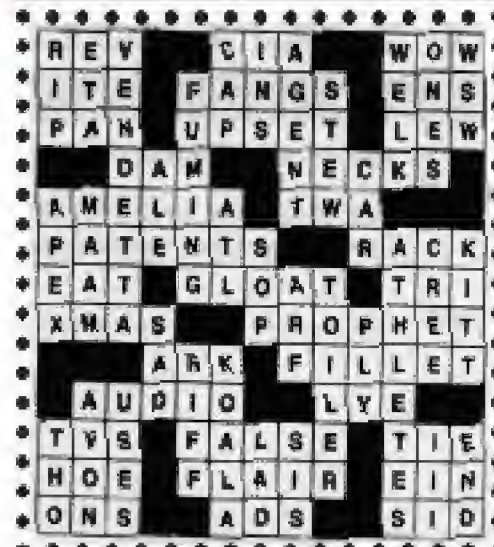
lifetime low of 61.21 to the dollar Monday.

Sectors likely to be hardest hit include the already struggling car market, auto parts, airlines, consumer goods, oil marketing companies and fertilisers, Crisil warned.

Indian firms had been borrowing abroad to take advantage of far lower interest rates than available domestically but the rupee's slide has sharply lessened the advantages.

The rupee is under pressure as Finance Minister P. Chidambaram is in the United States this week on his second trip in three months to woo foreign investment

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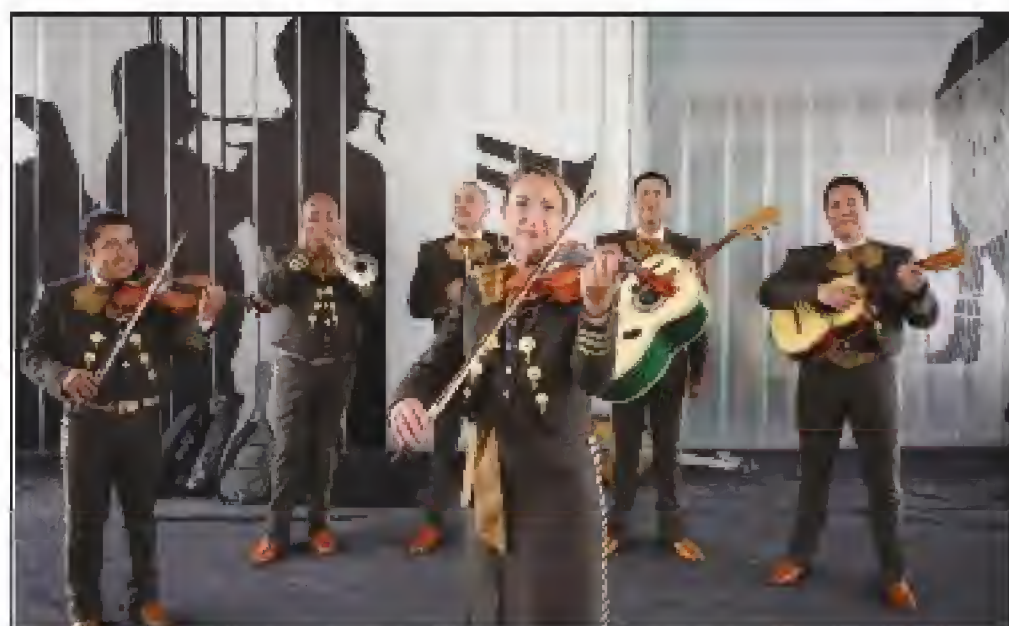
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Mexico's female mariachis defy macho culture



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - With her hair tied back, large hoop earrings and high heels, Isabel Aguilar stood confidently in front of her five fellow mariachi musicians, all men, and sang to a mostly male crowd in a Mexico City square.

Aguilar, a violinist, is among the few female musicians in Plaza Garibaldi, a tourist spot famous for its roving mariachi bands, crowded restaurants and booze-fueled nightlife.

For the past 16 years, the 32-year-old mother-of-two has defied the quintessentially

macho culture of mariachi music, the disdain of many of her peers and even the disapproval of her father, who was himself a mariachi musician.

"He would say that women should stay at home," Aguilar said of her father.

There are around 20 women among the 2,000 buskers registered with Plaza Garibaldi's Mexican Mariachi Union, still trying to break the male domination of this symbol of Mexican culture that emerged in the 19th century.

Mariachi is a style of folk music involving mostly

stringed instruments and traditionally played by an all-male ensemble.

Some male mariachi musicians still have a hard time accepting the presence of women like Aguilar, who performs in a long brown skirt and the traditional embroidered "charro" jacket.

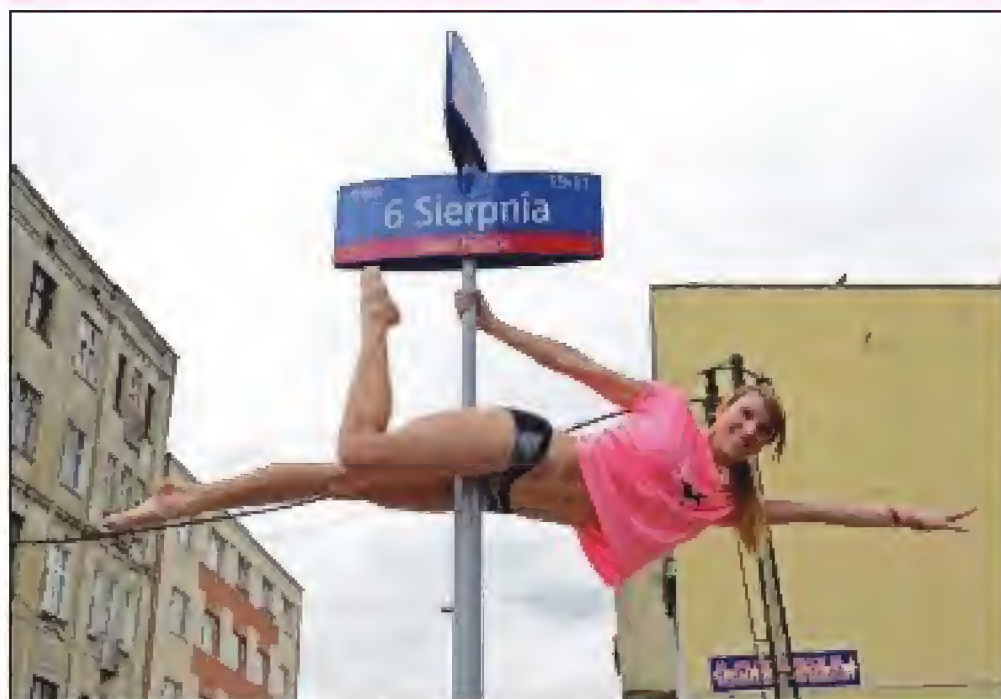
Although not all male mariachi musicians look down on their female peers, several women mariachis say they have to battle to earn the respect of their colleagues, who accuse the women of evading their domestic chores, and sometimes exclude them from gigs.

Aguilar is one of the few female musicians to raise her voice against such discrimination.

"The hardest thing is this prevailing macho man culture in Mexico," declared the musician, who said she was engaged in a "silent battle" with her female colleagues.

"Men still carry around this idea of machismo. It's a culture that we haven't been able to get rid of"

Poles dancing: women swing around Poland's signposts



LODZ (AFP) - Talk about a traffic stopper: three pole dancers in central Poland have been honing their skills on street corners, throwing their legs around signposts to the surprise and delight of many a passerby.

Clad in black booty shorts and neon pink T-shirts on a recent afternoon in downtown Lodz, the barefoot and pony-tailed women checked the sidewalk for glass.

With all clear on the corner, it was time to hop on that signpost.

"Which pose should we start with? The Frog, the Scorpion or the Foreign Lady?" Karolina Kicinska, 25, asked her partners-in-poles.

The trio first swung their bodies around signposts this spring for a photo shoot for their Avocado dance studio. Drawing a positive response from onlookers, they decided to make it a regular gig.

"Pole-dancing is usually associated with erotic dance, strip clubs, go-go dancing... Through street pole-dancing we want to break those stereotypes," said Kicinska, a passionate participant who hopes to open it up to a wider audience.

"Pole-dancing is a real sport and even an art that combines acrobatics, gymnastics and fitness. It requires a lot of strength and flexibility," added the tall brunette, a molecular biotechnology student at the Medical University of Lodz.

Since making its way over to Poland from the United States and Australia a few years ago, the performance art has flourished despite its sleazy stigma.

The women train regularly, usually indoors but at least once a week outside their studio in this working class city dubbed the Polish Manchester.

Flashing smiles and flipping around with gusto, the women channel Gene Kelly's famous lamppost routine from "Singing in the Rain" -- minus the music and the umbrella twirls.

Within an hour the trio caught the eye of two young policemen who asked whether they had a permit to slide around on signposts.

"But we're doing nothing wrong," Kicinska protested. "We aren't damaging the poles."

Unmoved, the officers took down their names and issued a warning, cutting short their street show -- just that day.



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Cycling: Froome torpedoes rivals as Martin secures TT win

MONT SAINT MICHEL (AFP) - Imperious Tour de France leader Chris Froome tightened his grip on the yellow jersey after finishing runner-up to world champion Tony Martin in the race's 11th stage time trial on Wednesday.

Omega-Pharma rider Martin had set the early pace for the windswept 33 km course from Avranches to Mont Saint Michel in 36min 29sec but had a nervous wait as Froome threatened to upset his hopes of victory.

Belgium's Tomas De Gendt, of Vacansoleil, was closest to challenge Martin before Froome but was 1min 01sec slower than the German at the finish line to end up third.

Martin's win was all the more welcome as he came close to leaving the race after the crash-marred opening stage, which took swathes of skin off his back, legs, arms

and buttocks.

Froome missed what would have been his third stage win in the race, but there were other rewards for the Kenyan-born Briton.

Movistar leader Valverde remains second overall but saw his deficit of 1:25 balloon to 3:25, while Dutchman Bauke Mollema of Belkin moved up to third to sit 3:37 in arrears.

Contador, the race champion in 2007 and 2009, is fourth at 3:54 while 2011 champion Evans is 14th at 6:54 after finishing a disappointing 21st.

The onus will now be on Team Sky's rivals to attack Froome during four tough stages in the Alps beginning Sunday, as they did last Sunday when aggressive racing on stage nine destabilised the British team and ended the podium hopes of Froome's teammate Richie Porte.

NASCAR will not penalize teams

-- NASCAR has decided not to penalize the 31 Sprint Cup and Nationwide Series teams found with illegal roof-flap spacers on their cars at Daytona International Speedway, it was announced Wednesday.

The decision comes after 16 Sprint Cup teams had spacers that support hinges to the roof flaps confiscated by officials Thursday during inspection prior to the Coke Zero 400. Later, 15 Nationwide teams were flagged for the same violation.

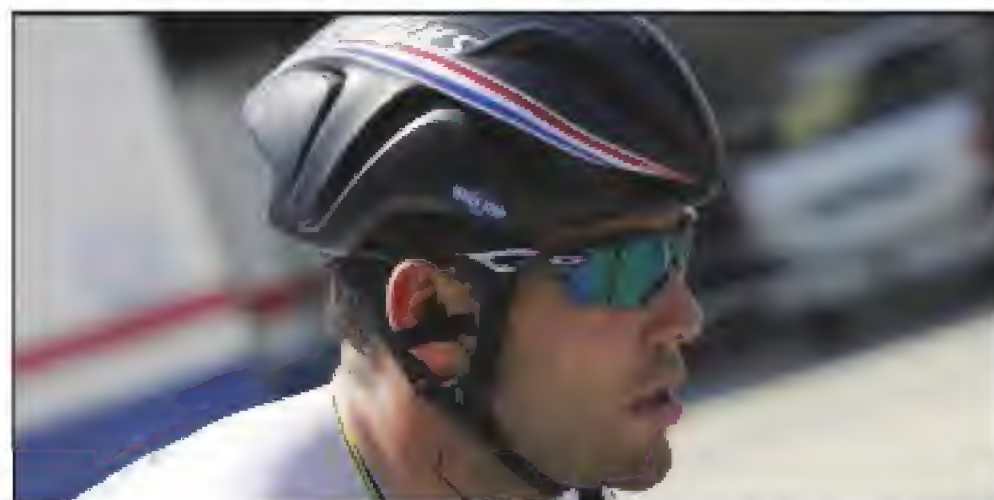
Upon review NASCAR declared that the spacers did not compromise the safety component of the roof flaps, which help keeps a car from getting airborne during an accident. It also determined that there was no adverse result on competition. This is a change of course from prior infractions when NASCAR would not take into consideration intent or whether an illegal part provided some sort of competitive advantage.

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SPORTS

British cyclist Mark Cavendish doused with urine at Tour de France



MONT-SAINT-MICHEL (AFP) - British cycling star Mark Cavendish had urine thrown at him by a spectator during the 11th stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday, his team have confirmed.

The incident happened during the 33-kilometre individual time-trial from Avranches to Mont-Saint-Michel in Normandy, a day after Cavendish was blamed for a collision that sent Argos rider Tom Veelers crashing to the ground in Saint-Malo.

"Mark is not upset, but he is really disappointed because he thinks he didn't deserve this."

Cavendish escaped without punishment following Tuesday's clash with Veelers, which happened during a sprint for

the line won by German rider Marcel Kittel.

Veelers pinned the blame on the British champion, and an anxious Cavendish became embroiled in a spat with one journalist after the finish to Tuesday's stage, snatching away his dictaphone after being asked if he felt the crash was his fault.

However, Cavendish later called Veelers to apologise and Lefevere hopes that can be the end of the matter.

"The cycling public is known for being very fair, we have no hooligans, but there are thousands and thousands of people on the roads and not everybody is a gentleman," Omega Pharma team CEO Patrick Lefevere told AFP.

Mets Win a Long One, but It Only Goes Nine



SAN FRANCISCO - During the first game of this series on Monday night, the Mets and the San Francisco Giants battled for almost five and a half hours, keeping fans waiting for a resolution that seemed as if it would never come.

On Tuesday night, Marlon Byrd settled things with one immense swing in the eighth, blasting a game-deciding grand slam into the left-field seats to send fans at AT&T Park streaming into the aisles for an early exit. The Mets' 10-6 win still took 3 hours 23 minutes, but compared to the previous night's contest, it felt

as if it was over in a few seconds.

The victory also meant that the Mets would win a second straight series during their three-city road trip.

"Right now, we're exactly where we want to be, the way we want to play," Byrd said as the Mets' record improved to 39-48.

One night after they played 16 backbreaking innings, the Mets cobbled together an eighth-inning rally to break a 5-5 tie and ensure they would not play their 12th extra-inning game of the year.



BOGOTA (AFP) - Players of Paraguay's team Olimpia celebrate after qualifying to the Libertadores Cup final at the end of their second-leg semifinal football match against Colombia's Independiente Santa Fe, at the El Campin stadium in Bogota Tuesday. Olimpia lost 1-0 but made it to the final on aggregate goals

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Basket: Argentina beat China to win Stankovic Cup

BEIJING (AFP) - Argentina won basketball's Stankovic Cup tournament in Guangzhou on Tuesday, beating China 61-44 in the final with the hosts scoring their second-lowest total ever.

Pablo Espinoza led the scoring for Argentina -- who won all three of their games in the group stage -- with 14 points, while Selem Safar contributed another 11.

China's star player Yi Jianlian overcame injury to contribute half his team's points in the final.

Yi, a former NBA player



and China's Olympic flag-bearer in London last year,

was the only team member to reach double digits.

The tournament in the southern Chinese city was China's first under new Greek coach Panagiotis Giannakis.

"We're still building our team, so mistakes are inevitable," he said after an earlier 66-58 loss to Argentina in a round-robin match on Sunday, the official Xinhua news agency reported at the time.

China are warming up to defend their FIBA Asia Championship title next month in Manila, where three spots will be available for next year's FIBA World Cup.

Baseball: Rios equals AL record six hits



DETROIT (AFP) - Alex Rios matched an American League record with six hits and Dayan Viciedo added two homers -- including a three-run blast -- as the Chicago White Sox beat Detroit 11-4 on Tuesday.

"I don't know how to describe it," Rios said of going 6-for-6 at the plate. "It's fun and when you feel that you're making progress it feels even better."

Rios smacked a triple and five singles to become the 32nd American League player to notch six hits in a nine-inning game. He is the first White Sox player to match the record since Lance Johnson did it in 1995.

Four of his hits came against Tigers ace Justin Verlander, and Rios added two stolen bases to boot.

It was a welcome win for the struggling White Sox over the AL Central division leading Tigers.

Chicago starter Jose Quintana won for just the third time in 13 games, allowing only three runs on six hits, striking out seven and walking one.

Adam Dunn also homered during the decisive eighth inning.

Verlander surrendered five runs on 12 hits with just three strikeouts and one walk in seven-plus innings.

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MONACO (AFP) - Colombian forward Radamel Falcao (R) poses while holding his new jersey from French L1 Monaco football club with AS Monaco sports director Vadim Vasilyev after a press conference on July 9, 2013 in Monaco. Falcao, who was recruited by the club Monaco for around 60 million euros, said on July 9, 2013 he is aiming to help his new club become one of the best in Europe again. Falcao, 27, joined the principality outfit from Spanish side Atletico Madrid at the end of May for a French record 60 million euros (\$77.2 million), as Monaco signalled their intent following the club's return to the top-flight. Monaco sporting director Vadim Vasilyev admitted the acquisition of one of the game's top strikers was a real coup for the club. Falcao's international teammate James Rodriguez and Portuguese midfielder Joao Moutinho were also unveiled to the press following their arrivals from Porto. Monaco also announced Tuesday that they would appeal their two-point deduction for next season, according to a club source.

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	55	37	.598	--	ATLANTA	52	39	.571	--
TAMPA	51	40	.560	3.5	WASHINGTON	46	44	.511	5.5
BALTIMORE	49	42	.538	5.5	PHILADELPHIA	45	46	.495	7.0
YANKEES	48	42	.533	6.0	NY METS	39	48	.448	11.0
TORONTO	43	46	.483	10.5	MIAMI	33	57	.367	18.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	49	40	.551	--	ST. LOUIS	54	34	.614	--
CLEVELAND	47	43	.522	2.5	PITTSBURGH	53	36	.596	1.5
KANSAS	43	44	.494	5.0	CINCINNATI	50	40	.556	5.0
MINNESOTA	37	50	.425	11.0	CHICAGO	40	48	.444	14.0
CHICAGO	35	52	.402	13.0	MILWAUKEE	37	52	.416	17.5
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	54	37	.593	--	ARIZONA	47	43	.522	--
TEXAS	53	37	.589	0.5	DODGERS	44	45	.494	2.5
LA ANGELES	43	46	.483	10.0	COLORADO	43	48	.473	4.5
SEATTLE	40	50	.444	13.5	SAN DIEGO	41	50	.451	6.5
HOUSTON	32	58	.356	21.5	SAN FRANCISCO	40	49	.449	6.5

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ



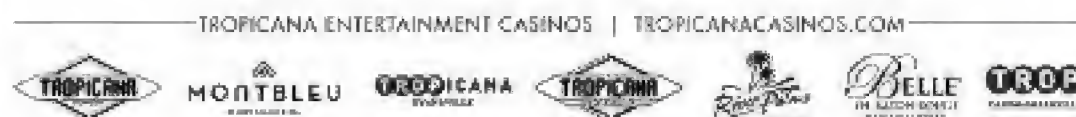
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Golf: Johnson defends title in British Open tuneup



SILVIS (AFP) - Zach Johnson defends his title at the US PGA Tour's \$4.6 million John Deere Classic starting on Thursday, the last US tune-up for the British Open at Muirfield.

Johnson ended Steve Stricker's three-year reign at the event last year, blasting out of a fairway bunker to about a foot from the pin at the second playoff hole to edge Troy Matteson -- who had led after each of the first three rounds.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Johnson was happy to be back at TPC Deere Run.

"I love everything about this tournament," he said. "I love the golf course. It's in great shape, as usual, and I just like coming back and seeing faces and friends and family."

"It feels like my backyard in a lot of respects, and fortunately I've had some success here."

"And I'm trying to put 2012 behind me. It's not like just because I won I've got a three-shot lead going into Thursday, so I frankly have to

put it behind me, and that's going to be my approach."

South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen, the world number 10 who is the highest ranked player in the field, shares Johnson's enthusiasm for the tournament and for the sponsors.

He even brought his father and father-in-law, both farmers, to this week's tournament because he's such a fan of the farm equipment the sponsoring company makes.

"All of us are big John Deere fans, and I wanted them to come and see where it's made," said Oosthuizen, who farms 150 acres himself.

Oosthuizen withdrew from the US Open last month after the first round with a hip flexor injury.

"I'm still struggling a bit with my left hip," he said. "But it's more on walking, not on hitting the ball itself. But I've got the physio with me so we'll do a bit of work

on it."

Otherwise, Oosthuizen said, his game is in pretty good shape.

"My game really felt OK the last few months, but the injuries have been really keeping me back and I couldn't really get going," he said.

The winner of the tournament will secure a British Open berth, if he isn't already qualified for the year's third major championship.

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